

# House Concurrent Resolution No.10

## 91<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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**Whereas**, there are more than 33,000 jobs in the motor vehicle and equipment  
2 manufacturing industry in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the most recent figures for complete employment and wage data reveal  
3 a contribution of more than one and three-quarter billion dollars to the Missouri economy; and

**Whereas**, the state of Missouri has enjoyed a long-term partnership and mutually  
5 supportive relationship with Ford Motor Company; and

**Whereas**, this relationship began in 1907 with the opening of a sales and stock  
7 operation in St. Louis, the opening of a Ford plant in 1911 in Kansas City followed by the  
8 establishment of a Ford Model T plant in St. Louis in 1914; and

**Whereas**, the state of Missouri has long recognized the need for keeping Ford's  
10 workforce as skilled and productive as possible and thus over the past decade has provided more  
11 than twenty-four million dollars in job training funds for the company in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, for more than 40 years, St. Louis had been one of the principal  
13 manufacturing satellites of Ford Motor Company; and

**Whereas**, St. Louis holds the distinction as the only metropolitan area outside  
15 Michigan with plants from all of the Big Three automakers; and

**Whereas**, Ford Motor Company has announced it will close its plant in Hazelwood  
17 by the middle of this decade, eliminating 2,640 jobs; and

**Whereas**, Workers at the Hazelwood plant generate an annual payroll of  
19 approximately \$165 million; and

21       **Whereas**, industry analysts rate the Explorer, made in Hazelwood, as the nation's  
22 top-selling sport utility vehicle; and

23       **Whereas**, reports by Harbour & Associates, Inc., of Troy, Michigan, which list  
24 Hazelwood as the fourth most efficient auto plant in the nation; and

25       **Whereas**, an auto plant has a substantial ripple effect on the surrounding economy,  
26 including the plant's need for parts and services, each Ford job supports three and a half other  
27 jobs in the area, pumping approximately \$2.6 billion, directly and indirectly, into the St. Louis  
28 economy each year:

29       **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of  
30 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
31 concurring therein, support the assembly by the Governor of the Task Force on the Ford-  
32 Hazelwood Retention and direct the Task Force to immediately develop and execute a strategic  
33 plan to obtain the continued occupation and operation of the Hazelwood Ford Assembly Plant  
34 by Ford Motor Company; and

35       **Be it further resolved** that we the members of the General Assembly most  
36 strongly urge the owners, executives and board of directors of Ford Motor Company to rescind  
37 their decision and work with the State of Missouri to find a mutually beneficial alternative to the  
38 closing of the Hazelwood plant; and

39       **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the  
41 owners, executives and board of directors of Ford Motor Company.